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Edward C. Carter II, Librarian

MEMORANDUM

To: Debbie Andrews
RTC Group

From: Rita Dockery

Rita Dockery - Please let me know if you have any questions.

Date: February 24, 1994

Subject: The existing documentation of Thomas Jefferson's 1806 coin and medal donation to the American Philosophical Society.

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1. Excerpt from the letter, Jefferson to Caspar Wistar, June 20, 1806

"While visiting some parts of Europe, I thought it might be useful to bring home some specimens of the different coins I met with, some of copper, some of silver, & others of a mixture of both called bilion. To these have been since added some other coins & some medals which have occasionally come to my hands....."

2. Entry from APS Transactions, vol 6 (n.s.). July 18, 1806

Donations to the Cabinet included "a Collection of coins and medals from Jefferson".

3. John Vaughan's Donation Book, 1834-1899. (Arch. VI, 3)

The collection of coins believed to be the 1806 Jefferson donation that I faxed to you last week is from this book. The dates for this donation book are misleading. John Vaughan recorded details of donations that had been recorded earlier in brief in Trans. vol 5 (o.s.) and Trans vol. 6 (n.s.). A hardcopy is enclosed with this memo. Pages 23-26 lists "Collection of Medals &c executed by Bolton & Watts presented by Thomas Jefferson". Pages 27-28 are listed as "French Medals and Coins".

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4. Curator's record of Donations, 1769-1900. (Arch. VI, 4)

This index lists only one coin and/or medal donation by Jefferson: 150 Roman coins, May 3, 1805.

5. The coin and medal collection, as part of the Cabinet of Curiosities, grew through the 1800's. Various curators vowed to arrange the collection of coins and medals in 1837 and 1851, but no records exist this task was completed, until 1878.
6. In 1878, APS members decided that the coin and medal collection should be deposited elsewhere for its safety. The entire collection of coins and medals was deposited at the Pennsylvania Museum of Industrial Art, through the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia (NASP) on December 6, 1878. One condition of deposit was that a catalog of coins be made soon after the removal was made.

A catalog of coins, probably the first that was compiled, was completed on December 19, 1878 by Robert Coulton Davis, NASP curator. This catalog lists the coins by country of origin and then, in general, by face (eg. George III) or type (eg. Six Pence). Enclosed are the pages from England, and France to show the difficulty of determining which coins were deposited by Jefferson. As you can see, provenance is not listed on this catalog. The numbers were most likely added in 1895.

6. In 1895, the Museum/NASP asked APS to give the collection to them outright and the APS declined. At that time, the collection was checked against the catalog, and 92 pieces were found missing. Some were found. After another deposit of medals in 1896, a comprehensive list of 910 coins and medals was drawn up and approved by APS.
7. In 1952, the Philadelphia Museum of Art wanted to move the coin collection, and probably unsure as to whether the APS wanted to keep the collection, or would be willing to give it outright to the Numismatic Society, they contacted APS to test the waters. If the APS wouldn't give them the collection, APS would have to take it back. APS decided to take the collection back. On the receipt dated June 23, 1952, there is note of coins whose locations were unknown for "several years", followed by these numbers: 11, 13, 55, 67, 69, 72, 74-77, 80, 81, 92, 114, 116, 400, 419, 748, 898,

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923, 971, 994. Only one item among these is from the England or France category from Coulton's catalog, number 748, and it is listed as "England--Silver Token--Shilling Attleboro".

(APS Archives, May 1, 1952 and June 23, 1952.)

8. In the 1960's, APS decided to sell items in the collection that did not pertain to Franklin or early American history. It was said that the "collection consists primarily of coins, etc. of classical or European interest" and that some were fakes. On May 18, 1967, the Council approved the disposal of coins and medals. It was sold to Seymour Moss, a commercial dealer in Philadelphia, for \$1650.
9. The only coins that remain in APS collections today are two of the first pennies minted for the United States (1787).

Facsimile Cover Sheet

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Comments:

Beth -- I apologize for the delay in sending this information. I had been hoping to add to the following APS research a summary of a phone conversation I had recently with a staffer there which adds to the sequence of events and would -- I believe -- give you some further leads. Unfortunately, I haven't had time to decipher my notes and type them up, but I will try and fax that to you on Monday. In the meantime, I will Fed Ex a copy of this entire fax transmission for Monday delivery, since I'm sure the ledger at least, will be difficult to read from a fax. Please bear with me. Look forward to talking with you about this soon, perhaps early next week.

FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: 14 February 1994

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From: Rita Dockery, Assistant Manuscripts Librarian
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Subject: Jefferson Donation of Coins & Medals to APS, 1806

Ann Lucas from the Research Center at Monticello asked me to fax this list. There are no dates on the document other than the dates on the coins, but based on other records, we believe this is the 1806 donation of Jefferson. Let me know if you have trouble reading any words on the fax. The heading of the first page says "Collection of Medals etc. executed by [Bolton & Watt] presented by Thomas Jefferson".

Ms. Lucas said you were also interested in its whereabouts. Briefly, our entire coin collection went to a Philadelphia museum in the 1870's. A catalog of the coins was produced at that time, but it was rudimentary, and as such, there is no way to tell which coins are from the 1806 Jefferson donation. The collection came back to the APS from the museum in the 1952. The collection was sold to a commercial agent in 1967.

I plan to flush out the details for Ms. Lucas as soon as possible. I hope this information will be useful to your project.

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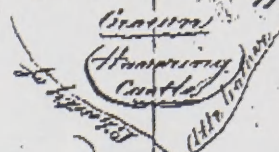
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Collection of Medals &c executed by Bolton Ward

presented by Thomas Jefferson

11. Capfere

Obverse: young Head of George 3rd Georgius 3rd D G Rex A. Shepards sculpsit
 Reverse: Britannia standing on a globe holding in right hand a Broom and in left a Trident 1797.

Obverse: Head of King Edward IV Granted the Charter A. D. 1465. Shepards sculpsit
 Reverse: Harbourside Harbourside and Harbourside


Obverse: young Head of George III D G Rex.
 Reverse: Britannia holding in right hand a Broom and in left a Trident standing on a globe. A Ship in sight. 1797

Obverse: young Head of George 3rd. Georgius III Dei Gratia Rex.
 Reverse: Britannia seated holding in right hand a Broom and in left a Trident standing on a globe. A Ship in sight. 1799.

Obverse: young Head of Geo 3rd Georgius III D G Rex
 Reverse: Britannia seated holding a scepter 1790.

Obverse: young Head of Georgius III DEI Gratia Rex
 Reverse: Britannia holding in right hand a Broom and in left a Trident standing on a globe. 1799 I. Smithing.

Obverse: Head of Lord Howe Rex Comes Hanc Medallionem Britannia Patria Dux et Intendant.
 Reverse: Non Nobis sed Virtuti Gallia Clavis Proflex
 Dia I Jun II
 1794

Obverse: Head of Lord Cornwallis Rex Marobis Cornwallis Strategus
 Reverse: Insuper Panamam Hostis Sultanus Tigris Baniata
 Obsolescunt 1792.

Obverse: Head of John Willstonsword Iron Master
 Reverse: sides of Tilt Hammer 1793.

Collections of Medals &c. executed by

Presented by Thomas Jefferson.

Head of *with two Head.* The *England & Wales halfpenny.*
Reverse side 1791 *P. M. C.*


Bishopstortford
Sir George Jackson Bart. Solo Proprietor
Reverse Arms *Start Navigation Service of Trade* 1795
State of the Union

Head of *Commissary* halfpenny *1791* *Crown*
Reverse *Halfpenny* *permissible etc. 11. Gnam* *Dei Nomine*
Sells Wholesale Wooden ware *Prudential et Carolina*
Green Drapery Green Watches *High St. London*
For in Charge

Coat of Arms of *John* *Let Glasgow Herald*
Reverse *Wingham (the) Scar.*

Trincomalee halfpenny *Rose, Shamrock, and Thistle 1794*
Reverse *Concordia etc* *Fidelitas*

Yorkshire halfpenny *displays to the Yorkshire Woollen Manufacturing*
Reverse *Lands halfpenny. 1793, Manufacturers Hall.*

Head of *Sir David* *Southampton*
Reverse *Halfpenny* *permissible 1791* 

Head of *David* *Carters - Lancaster*
Reverse *The Lancashire halfpenny 1794*
Agriculture Manufacturing *(Ship)*
and Commerce

Halfpenny *Mail and post Coaches to all parts of England*
Reverse *Marine Horseback, Halberd, London - C. Johnson.*

Head of *Geo 3^d*
Reverse *George 3^d D. C. May 1793*
A Ship *Bermudas. —*

Collection of Medals &c. executed by

Presented by Thomas Jefferson

Ona Carr's Piece Harris Clarend

Reverse: Simon Leane Company I
Lion 1791
Africa

East India Medals

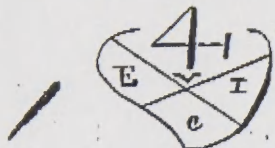
United East India Company 1794

Reverse: Prospera - Regis Et Senatus Angliae

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To one rupee

3rd Size Indian



1791

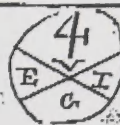
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United East India Company 1794

Reverse

Prospera Regis et Senatus Angliae



To one rupee

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United East India Company

1st Size Indian

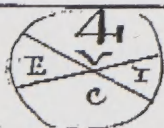


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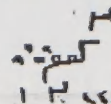
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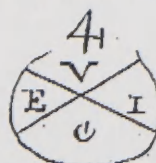
1786

Reverse



4 East India Coin

4th Size Indian



1791

Reverse

Scales

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Sauvegarde des Rois.

*Président des Comités d'Assemblée des Rois et des États Nationaux des Français
Du Peuple d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale
13 Septembre 1792. L'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale*

Revers: Les Rois d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale 1791.

Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale 1792.

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2 Coins. / Revers: Les Rois d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale*

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(2 Coins)

Assemblée Nationale d'Assemblée Nationale 1792.

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French Medals and Coins

Les Foyettes *Republic* 1. *Sage & Vert Constitutionnel* 1757 *Permanence*.
Reverse — *Collection des Français Patriotes (Il a commandé la garde Nationale Française en 1789, 1790 et 1791) circulee avec un an.*

Ludovicus XV *Optimo Principi Comitibus Commendat.*
Reverse *Anglia & H. Aquilana Pice Profligata Administratione*
Catholica 1755. (*Virtus Regis*) (*Virtus Nobis*)

Ludovicus XV *Regi Christianissimo.*
Reverse *Pax Unigenae victis Gallorum. In Britanniarum Concordia 1763*
also Head of the Horse.

Lud XVI *D. G. F. R. E. T. Rex Rom. Imper. Aust. Reg.* — *Inte Unigenae*
Reverse *Aust. Polari. Pm. Polari Martia & Natus 23 August 1751. Sum.*
x. Muri 1774. Pa. coll. 21 Januarij 1793. (23 Medals)

Louis XVI *Roi des Français Pour Pour Peuple Libre* *Apparut des*
elect. de Paris La unigenae Le 17 Juillet 1789.
Reverse — *Liberte & Justice Juillet 1789. Proclamation des Electeurs,*
J. Delavigne et Mda Marc-Antoine Lenoir.

Nat. Constit. President. D. G. & Ma. Honorat. Mefageur Pm. Pm. 11. L. 1791
La Pa. En principes Vert. Plus Postage Pour Mda I. Unigenae
(Constitution). 13 Septembre L. 1791. Pm. 11. Liberte.
Reverse — *La Sagesse Patrie Noble 11. La. Mediane Natus L. 11. 1791.*
Septembre 1791.

Maurice Antoin. Austria. F. R. E. T. Rex. Regina Natus 2. Nov. 1755
Reip. 15. May, 1770. Cap. II. L. 1755.
Reverse — *Altera Patrie Victoria 16. Octobris 1793. (28 Medals)*

Lud. XVI *D. G. F. R. E. T. Rex Rom. Imper. Aust. Reg.* *Inte Unigenae*
Reverse *Unigenae. Rotantes Sanguineus Populi Unigenae. Finit.*
Gallia 21 Januarij 1793.

ContinuedAlphabetical

(11 missing of these)

Total 34

FranceSilver

142 Napoleon Franc. —

143 " 1/2 Franc. —

144 Louis XVI. - 15. Sol. —

145 Louis XV. Isles du Vent —

909 Louis XIV. Small piece. —

Copper and base

1475 153 Louis XVI. Seven pieces. —

1545 156 Louis XV. Three pieces. —

1575 163 Louis XIV. Six pieces. — one over

1645 178 Miscellaneous &c. Sixteen — — one short

Silver 5.

Copper & base 32

Total

Russia

Sargolla

1 missing
Total 3Miscellaneous

683 Greek Phoenia 1828 (Silver) 1 -

684 Egyptian Besh. faralik. (Base) 1 -

685 " Larmi " 1 -

686-687 " Para " 2 -

688 Belgian Ducat (Gold) 1 -

" Turkish Utchik (Base) 1 - missing

" Grousch " 1 - missing

689 (2) " Roub (Gold) 1 -

Gold 2

Silver 1

Base 2(6)

Total (9) 3

England690 George III. Six Pence commemorating 50th year. 691 (Greek) Ten Pence,

Three Pence missing

692 George II. Six Pence. Piece with no reverse. 693

692-693 Anna Four Pence (Two) - Two Pence

694 William III. Three Pence Scotch. -

695 William & Mary Two Shillings and Six Pence. 696 Three Pence

James II. Four Pieces. Sun Money viz Five Shillings. missing

Two Shillings & Six Pence, One Shilling. Six Pence

598-700

701	Charles II	Two Shillings Gold.	Four Pence (Two).	Three Pence.	Two Pence (Two) One penny	702-703	704
	Commonwealth	Two Shillings & Six Pence	Two Pence			706	707
	Charles I	One Penny (Three).	Three Pence.	One Shilling		708 (Silver)	709-710
		(Two).	Two Shillings and Six Pence (Two).			711-712	
			Eleven and twenty Pence Scotch			713	
863	Denmark	Four Pence	Aberruth	Three Pence	Stewart	864	
714	James I	Twenty Shillings Gold.	Five Shillings Gold.	One Shilling	Six Pence.	Four Pence.	Two Pence.
		One Penny.					
861	Elizabeth	Six Pence.	Two Pence.			719	
720	Mary	Groat (Two).	One				
860	Edward VI	One Shilling (Two).	Six Pence.			721	
722-725	Henry VIII	Groat (Four).	One Penny.	One half Penny		726	
727	Henry VII	Penny.					
839	Henry VI	Penny.					
728	Henry V	One half Penny.					
729-730	Henry IV	Groat and One half Groat.					
731-868	Edward IV	Groat (Two) and One half Groat.				867	
732	Edward III	One Penny.					
733	Edward II	One Penny.					
734-736	Edward I	One Penny (Three) Groat.					
737	Antique British Gold Coin						
738	James IV	(Base) of Scotland					
739	John Balliol						

Silver Tokens

740	Crown.	Chichester					
741	Halfcrown.	Chichester.	Staverton	Gloucester			

731.8 Edward IV Groat (Two) and One Half Groat.

732 " III One Penny -

733 " II One Penny -

734-736 " I One Penny (Three) Groat. missing

737 Antique British Gold Coin -

738 James IV (Base) of Scotland -

739 John Baliol -

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Silver Tokens

740 Crown. Chichester -

741 Halfcrown. Chichester - 742 - 743 Staverton Gloucester -

Two Shillings. Bath - 744 - 745 Attleborough -

Eighteen Pence. Stamford - 746 - 747 Redding -

748 Shilling. Attleboro - 749 - 750 Bristol. Brecknock - 751
 752 Cross Chichester. 753 - 754 Ditchley. Froome. Gloucester (Two) -
 755 Flintshire - 756 - 757 Hereford - 758 - 759 London. Newark. Notts. North
 760 - 761 Cumberland. 762 - 763 Warrington. Wakeford. York -

767 Ten Pence Irish -

Six Pence Derby Dorset - 768

101 30

769-853 86 Miscellaneous Copper & Tokens

Gold

Silver

Copper

867-879 Plaster Casts

12

880-896 Lead and Copper Casts

20

897 Miscellaneous Rubbish & Copper Pieces about 150

154 - 155 - 156 - 157 - 158 - 159 - 160 - 161 - 162 - 163 - 164 - 165 - 166 - 167 - 168 - 169 - 170 - 171 - 172 - 173 - 174 - 175 - 176 - 177 - 178 - 179 - 180 - 181 - 182 - 183 - 184 - 185 - 186 - 187 - 188 - 189 - 190 - 191 - 192 - 193 - 194 - 195 - 196 - 197 - 198 - 199 - 200

1806 June 20. TJ (Washington) to Caspar Wistar. DLC.

Dear Sir

While visiting some parts of Europe, I thought it might be useful to bring home some specimens of the different coins I met with, some of copper, some of silver, and others of a mixture of both called billon. Having then a mint to established [sic] I supposed they might furnish subjects for consideration, and sometimes imitation. To these have been since added some other coins and some medals which have occasionally come to my hands. Knowing no place where they may more probably become useful, by being open to examination, than in the deposit of the A. Philosophical society, I beg leave to present them for their acceptance. They may form part of a series which future acquisitions may enlarge. They shall go with this letter by the first confidential conveyance. Accept assurances of my great respect and esteem.

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is not a case for its exercise. Affectionate salutations.

TO ROBERT PATTERSON.

WASHINGTON, March 29, 1807.

DEAR SIR,—I have duly received your letter of the 25th, proposing the appointment of an assistant engraver to the Mint, at a salary of \$600, and that Mr. Reich should be the assistant. You are so exclusively competent to decide on the want of such an officer, that I approve the proposition in the faith of your opinion. With respect to the person to be appointed, my knowledge of the superior talents of Mr. Reich concurs with your recommendation in the propriety of appointing him.

I should approve of your employing the Mint on small silver coins, rather than on dollars and gold coins, as far as the consent of those who employ it can be obtained. It would be much more valuable to the public to be supplied with abundance of dimes and half dimes, which would stay among us, than with dollars and eagles which leave us immediately. Indeed I wish the law authorized the making two cent and three cent pieces of silver, and golden dollars, which would all be large enough to handle, and would be a great convenience to our own citizens. Accept my affectionate salutations.

TO MONSIEUR LE COMTE DIODATI.

WASHINGTON, March 29, 1807.

MY DEAR AND ANCIENT FRIEND,—Your letter of August the 29th reached me on the 18th of February. It enclosed a duplicate of that written from Brunswick five years before, but which I never received, or had notice of, but by this duplicate. Be assured, my friend, that I was incapable of such negligence towards you, as a failure to answer it would have implied. It would illy have accorded with those sentiments of friendship I entertained for you at Paris, and which neither time nor distance has lessened. I often pass in review the many happy hours I spent with Madame Diodati and yourself on the banks of the Seine, as well as at Paris, and I count them among the most pleasing I enjoyed in France. Those were indeed days of tranquillity and happiness. They had begun to cloud a little before I left you; but I had no apprehension that the tempest, of which I saw the beginning, was to spread over such an extent of space and time. I have often thought of you with anxiety, and wished to know how you weathered the storm, and into what port you had retired. The letters now received give me the first information, and I sincerely felicitate you on your safe and quiet retreat. Were I in Europe, *pax et panis* would certainly be my motto. Wars and contentions, indeed, fill the pages of history with more matter. But more blest is that

1806
Jefferson (Md) / Washington
June 1806

and July 30th 1806

Donation of
Books -

Dr. Watson

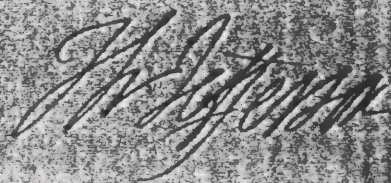
Philadelphia

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Washington June 20. 56

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Dr. Wistar.

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Edward C. Carter II, Librarian

Direct Dial: 440-

Mr. Giedroyc,

I'm writing this by hand, as I'm in a hurry to get this out to you.

Enclosed is the Jefferson letter: the description of the U.S. pennies we have. When I write to you to report on my findings as to any Franklin coin donations to the APS, I will enclose a photocopy of the ^(the US pennies) coins. From there, you could decide if you wanted to order photographs of them (#15/each 8"x10" b&w glossy).

Let me know if you have other questions regarding Jefferson's 1806 donation.

Sincerely,

Rita Dockens

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Medals, plaques, Etc.

Subject: U.S. PENNY (1787)

Reverse: Sun with rays above sundial in center. Below, MIND YOUR BUSINESS. Around, FUGIO and 1787.

Obverse: Center, WE ARE ONE encircled by UNITED STATES. Closed chain of thirteen links around border.

Metal: Copper Diameter: 28mm

Medalist:

No: M - Un1p - 1

Comments: Moneys of the World (Chase Manhattan Bank, 1955) Describes this coin as: FUGIO CENT, 1787. First coin issued by the United States of America. Also called the Franklin Cent, due to the inscription "Mind Your Business," a phrase attributed to Benjamin Franklin. The closed chain of thirteen links on the coin's reverse symbolizes the unity of the 13 original colonies.

Medals, Plaques, Etc.

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(Penny Un1p - 2 in better condition than Un1p-1)

appear by these that Mr. Barclay has conducted himself with a degree of intelligence and good faith, which reflects the highest honor on him.

A copy of a letter from Capt. Obryan to Mr. Carmichael is also herewith inclosed. The information it contains will throw farther light on the affairs of Algiers. His observations on the difficulties which arise from the distance of Mr. Adams and myself from that place, and from one another, and the delays occasioned by this circumstance are certainly just. If Congress should propose to revive the negotiations, they will judge whether it will not be more expedient to send a person to Algiers who can be trusted with full powers: and also whether a mission to Constantinople may not be previously necessary. Before I quit this subject, I must correct an error in the letter of Capt. Obryan. Mr. Lambe was not limited, as he says, to one hundred, but to two hundred dollars a piece for our prisoners. This was the price which had been just paid for a large number of French prisoners, and this was our guide.

The difference between Russia and the Porte seems patched up for the present. That between Spain and Naples is not yet healed, and probably will not be cordially. But it does not lead to war. It will probably end in a settled coolness, and the King of Spain's ceasing to interfere with that government. The mediation of this court I suppose has been excited by the fear that Naples might throw itself into the other scale of the European balance. This has been much feared from the new king of Prussia. Such a weight as this shifted into the scale of the Emperor, Russia and England would spread a cloud over the prospects of this kingdom. Of the possibility of the event, you will be so much better informed by Mr. Dumas, that it would be going out of my province to take up more of your time with it.

The Packets at Lorient have orders to go to Havre, from which place they will ply after the month of February. This will enable me to resume that channel of correspondence with you, as I can always send a confidential servant by the diligence in twenty-four hours to that place, to put my letters into the hands of our agent there, who will find a passenger or other trusty person to take charge of them, without their going into the post-mail. Through passengers and the same agent your letters to me may be safely conveyed, unopened. I inclose you the Leyden and French gazettes to this date. In the latter you will find an authentic copy of the treaty between France and England. I am also desirous to send you the papers in the case of André Caron, praying that justice may be done him. I have the honour to be

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with the most perfect esteem and respect, Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,
TH: JEFFERSON

RC (DNA: PCC, No. 87, 1); in the hand of William Short, signed by TJ. PrC (DLC). Tr (DNA: PCC, No. 107). Enclosures: (1) Tr of Lamb to TJ, 10 Oct. 1786. (2) Tr of an extract of TJ to Adams, 24 Sep. 1785 (1st letter under that date). (3) Tr of Richard O'Brien to Carmichael, 13 Sep. 1786, enclosed in Carmichael to TJ, 29 Sep. 1786, q.v. and note there. (4) Tr of André Caron to TJ, and John Paul Jones to TJ, both 16 Aug. 1786.

To La Valette

DEAR SIR

Paris Dec. 31, 1786.

I must beg your pardon for having been so long in answering your note, but it has not been in my power to do it sooner. I send you by the bearer five hundred and forty livres, which I think you said was the sum due you from M. La Fleury, and I will beg of you in return M. La Fleury's note to be assigned to me, constituting me his creditor instead of yourself, together with the letter of his hommes d'affaires engaging the paiement out of the interest due to La Fleury from the United states. I shall be happy to have news of your health and whether you have missed your fever yet. I am with very sincere esteem and respect Dr. Sir Your most Obedt. & most humble servt.,

TH: JEFFERSON

PrC (DLC); endorsed. YOUR NOTE: See Abbé Gibelin to TJ, 8 July 1786; TJ to Abbé Gibelin, 10 July 1786.


From David S. Franks

[Paris] Dec. 1786. Chateaufort, the gentleman Carmichael wished to be presented to TJ, could call this afternoon if convenient to TJ. Franks' trunks have not yet arrived but he will be ready to leave as soon as they are received; hopes it will be only two or three days.

RC (DLC); 3p.; addressed, in part: "Chaillot"; endorsed; without date and not recorded in SYL, but obviously written during December while Franks was in Paris.

From David S. Franks

[Dec. 1786]

I wished Your Excellency to have accepted of the Moorish Coins  as a very small mark of the Attachment which I have allways had for you and when I presented them it was with that Intention.

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Franks had been in Morocco + perhaps other parts of north Africa on an American mission to the Barbary powers

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Besides I owe you two hundred Livres which you kindly lent me at a time when I very much wanted it and for which tho' I can repay you I shall not think myself quit of the obligation. I shall have the pleasure of seeing you when we will settle and at the same time I may have an opportunity of assuring you how much I am my dear Sir Your Excellency's most obt. & obliged Sert.,

DAVD. S. FRANKS

I have retained the money having opened the packet sent. Mr. Chateaumont lives at the Hotel de Valois Rue Vantadour.

RC (DLC); endorsed; without date and not recorded in SJL, but, judging from the postscript, probably written shortly after the preceding letter.

From Madame de Tott

[Dec.? 1786]

Vous êtes Réellement d'une bonté et d'une Obligeance inexprimable Monsieur. Les Livres que Vous Voulez bien me donner, sont d'un prix infini pour Une malheureuse grecque, qui Sans tous Les Soins que Vous Vous êtes donnés pour elle, Se Seroit Vue Réduite a L'affligeante extrémité de Renoncer au bonheur de Lire Le divin auteur qui a immortalisé Sa Langue.

Je suis bien heureuse, Monsieur, de l'esperance que Vous me donnez de Vous Voir encore demain, mais Si au lieu d'une simple Visite Vous Veniez diner avec nous, Vous feriez Le plus grand plaisir a maman et Vous me procureriez celui de Vous Voir plus Longtems, parceque Je Suis Obligée de monter a cheval demain a midi. Ma santé est infiniment meilleure et Je ne doute pas que je ne Vous doive encore des *Remerciments Sur cet Objet*. Agréez Les donc, Je Vous en Supplie, ainsi que tous ceux que je Vous dois pour tous Les Soins Obligeants dont Vous n'avez cessé de me combler.

RC (MoSHI); without date, but evidently written sometime after TJ's exchange of letters with Madame de Tott of 28 Nov. 1786.

From La Rochefoucauld

Mardi matin. [1786?]

Le Duc de la Rochefoucauld est bien fâché de ne pouvoir pas se rendre Vendredi à l'invitation de Monsieur Jefferson; il est

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engagé pour ce jour là à un diner de famille; il aura l'honneur d'aller chercher Monsieur Jefferson quelque matin, et delui demander même s'il le permet quelques éclaircissemens sur la Description de la Virginie.

RC (CtY); addressed in part: "Monsieur Jefferson . . . A la Grille des Champs Elysees"; undated, but, as the address shows, written at an indeterminate date after 17 Oct. 1785 when TJ moved into the Hotel de Langeac; at head of text in TJ's hand: "to decline an invitation."

Petition of an Impostor, with Jefferson's Comments

[1786?]

To his Excell the Honorable Minister of the United State of America

The petition of Thos. Smith a Native of America, Humbly Sheweth

That whereas Your Excellency's Petitioner, is in this City of Paris Coming from a Slavery, where I being Two years, and a half, taken under, the American colours bound from Lisbon, to America, and remain a Prisoner, a Board an Algerin Galeotta during the aforementioned space of time, Being afterward retaken bay the Fregate of Matra, I Landing in Carthagena, where I Coming in this Contry in order to Facilitate the return in to America.

And being entirely destitute, of money, and Likewise of Cloathing too in some measure, and being sensible, of Your Paternal affection, and Clemency towards, the Native of America, Presume to present this addres to Your Excellency to implore relief, which if your will Graciously be pleased to grant, Your bounty will be Receiv'd whith the deepest sences, of gratitud, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall forever Pray for Your Excellency's health, and happiness.

THOS. SMITH

[Memorandum by TJ on verso:]

There was no such person in Obrian's roll.

He did not know the name of the brig calling her Polly.

He could not speak English but very broken.

He said at first he was an American from Chastown, then a French neutral born in Canada (because I objected to his dialect).

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To George Washington

Nov. 16. 92.

Th: Jefferson has the honor to submit to the inspection of the President a set of copper promisory notes, and coins, made by Boulton, the superiority of which over any thing we can do here, will fully justify our wish to set our mint agoing on that plan.—They are obscured by the sea-air.

RC (DNA: RG 59, MLR); addressed: "The President of the U.S."; endorsed by Tobias Lear. Tr (Lb in same, SDC). Not recorded in SJL.

To George Washington

Nov. 16. 1792.

Th: Jefferson has the honor to inform the President that the papers from Johanna Lucia Henrietta Hinrichsen, a Danish subject, state that she is entitled to inherit from her brother Daniel Wriesburg deceased two tracts of land in New Jersey and New York and she petitions Congress, and the states of New Jersey and New York to have justice done her, offering, if they will pay her the reasonable rents during her life and an indemnification for the detention hitherto, that she will cede to them the remainder after her death for the establishment of a charitable institution for the benefit of poor military persons, the plan of which she leaves to the President of the U.S. to settle.

Th: Jefferson is of opinion that the incompetence of the General government to legislate on the subject of inheritances is a reason the more against the President's becoming the channel of a petition to them: but that it might not be amiss that Th:J. should inclose to the Governors of New Jersey and N. York the petitions addressed to their states, as some advantages are offered to them, of which they will take notice, or not, at their pleasure. If the President approves of this, and will return the petitions they shall be inclosed accordingly.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (DNA: RG 59, MLR); endorsed by Tobias Lear. PrC (DLC); overwritten by a later hand. Tr (Lb in DNA: RG 59, SDC). Recorded in SJPL.

Tobias Lear promptly returned Johanna Hinrichsen's petitions to TJ with an instruction from the President to forward

them to the governors of New York and New Jersey (Lear to TJ, 16 Nov. 1792, RC in DLC, endorsed by TJ as received that date; PrC in DNA: RG 59, MLR; FC in Lb in same, SDC). TJ carried out this directive on the following day by transmitting the petitions with brief identical covering letters to Governors George

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Clinton and William Paterson (PrCs in DLC; FCs in Lb in RG 360, DL). A response from Clinton has not been found, but in a letter of 22 Jan. 1793 Paterson informed TJ that he had submitted Hin-

richsen's petition to the attorney general of New Jersey "with Directions to investigate her Claim, and, if proper or necessary, to institute Suits" (RC in DNA: RG 59, MLR).

From Alexander Hamilton

November 17th 1792

The Secretary of the Treasury presents his respectful Compliments to The Secretary of State and sends two Copies of the Report of the Trustees of the Sinking Fund agreed upon last night with the requisite documents for each. This is the last day for presenting them; so that even if either House should not sit it will be proper to forward the Report to the Presiding Officer.

The S. of the T. will wait upon the Secretary of State at two oClock to day, if he hears nothing to the contrary, to adjust finally, the affair of Mr. Ternants application for the supply of St. Domingo.

RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 17 Nov. 1792. Enclosure: Report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, 17 Nov. 1792.

From Alexander Hamilton

Saturday near 3 oClock [17 Nov. 1792]

Mr. Hamilton regrets extremely that an unexpected occurrence has detained him so much beyond the hour mentioned to Mr. Jefferson, that he should fear interrupting him by calling. He requests Mr. Jefferson to mention some other early time convenient to him for the Interview.

RC (DLC); partially dated; endorsed by TJ as received 17 Nov. 1792.

From Tobias Lear

United States, Novr. 17th: 1792.

By the President's command T. Lear has the honor to transmit to the Secretary of State the enclosed letters relative to appointing a Consul for the United States to reside in India; and to request, that,

To James Currie

DEAR SIR

Philadelphia Mar. 10. 1793.

Your letter of Feb. 12. came to hand on the 19th. Mr. Barton, who had your suit against Griffin in hand, quitted business a little before the last quarterly court without my being apprised of it, and the gentleman who succeeded to his docquet (Mr. Sergeant) not having time to be prepared, one term has been lost to you. As soon as I knew of Mr. Barton's having turned over his business to Mr. Sergeant, I waited on the latter, and he has promised me to attend to it very particularly at the term of the next month. As I have concluded to remain here somewhat longer, I hope to see this matter brought to a close for you.—I have paid due attention to what you say on the subject of the military land rights beyond the Ohio, but am not able to collect any information worth your notice. I have asked opinions on the words of the act of Congress, and on the views of those who will have to expound it, and I find the former so contradictory, and the latter so little disposed to lessen the obstacles to the right either of the assignee or original claimant, that it is impossible to give any relief to your doubts from this quarter.—I understand that W. Ronald has left his affairs much perplexed. Mine in his hands however are safe, as his debt to me was secured by a mortgage of the lands I sold him and also of one moiety of his Beverdam lands.—I am with great & sincere esteem Dear Sir, your friend & servt

TH: JEFFERSON

PrC (DLC); at foot of text: "Dr. Currie." Tr (ViU: Edgehill-Randolph Papers); 19th-century copy.

To J. P. P. Derieux

DEAR SIR

Philadelphia Mar. 10. 1793

I received yesterday your favor of the 1st. inst. I am unable to give you any explanation relative to your bill, as I have not had a word from Mr. Fenwick but those I copied in my letter to you. I think you would do well to write to him for an explanation as the matter seems to require it, and you will the sooner be placed on a certainty. I have not lately heard what progress is made in the sale of your effects here. But the scarcity of money never before paralleled among the merchants here for a month or two past, and which will not be over till the summer, will render remittances from hence slow. They shall not be retarded however by any want of my attention.

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The estragon (called in English Tarragon) is little known in America. The Melongene (Solanum Melongena of the botanists) is unknown to me. I expect they will be to be found only in possession of Mr. Bartram who keeps a curious botanical garden some miles in the country. Due enquiry shall be made for them there and elsewhere. My compliments to Mrs. Derieux and am with great esteem Dr. Sir Your most obedt. servt

TH: JEFFERSON

P.S. I had omitted to answer your questions on the purchase of lands for your uncle. I think lands may be rented in Virginia for 5. per cent on their cost. The gradual increase of value is an additional profit.—My lands at Elkhill have been sold some time ago.

PrC (DLC); at foot of first page: "Mr. Derieux." Tr (DLC); 19th-century copy; lacks postscript. Tr (ViU); 19th-century copy; postscript only.

From Thomas Digges

SIR

Birmingham 10 Mar. 1793

I send You this Letter in a Book of Medals and Coins (as numberd and markd) which were done at Mr. Boultons mint at Soho near this place. Some of the trash of half pence which are in local tho' current circulation in and about the Towns to which they appertain, are added to fill up the book; And as I know You have made the American Mint and Coinage much Your study, they may serve as assistant samples towards perfection, those of Mr. Boultons being of a very superior kind.

I am at present engagd in this central part of England trying to get Leasehold or annual Tennants for my Lands fronting the Presidents on Potowmac, and adjoining the new Federal City and Bladensburgh, and I expect to Embark for America in May or June. Not knowing of a safe conveyance to You, I have made free to send the parcell to and ask the favour of Mr. Pinkney to forward it, And, as I understood from Mr. Boulton He had made some application for a Die sinker I have left open the book of Coins for his inspection.

Since my Letter to You by Wm. Pearce the Double Loom maker, and the original inventor of Arkwrights first weaving and spinning Machinery, I have not had occasion to write, nor would I have likely done it before my Embarkation for America But am inducd now to do so from having accidentally seen a Birmingham production of one of the American Cents, the intended Coin of America and the $\frac{1}{100}$ th part of the Dollar. Knowing it had been determind in Congress to



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have all their money minted in the States, I made it my business to seek out and inform myself all I could about this Cent coinage here and of the artists and Merchants engaged about them. I first applyd to Messrs. W. & Alx. Walkers (who have a Partner Mr. Thos. Ketland in Philaa.) and they shewd me the Specimens No. 16. and No. 17 sent herewith and afterwards gave them to me. They said it was merely a speculation or trial to obtain the order for making the intended^d cents here which inducd them to the attempt in 1791 and that some hundred wt. or so had been sent to America and given to the President and other public Gentlemen; But that on the determination of Congress to mint their own money, their scheme here had fallen thro'. They were close and secret as to *who* the die sinker was, *where* coind &ca. but upon further Enquiries I found Messrs. Walkers had orderd them to be done at Mr. Obediah Westwoods (a considerable maker of these kinds of money),² and that his die Sinker Mr. Jno. Gregory Hancock (one of the first in this place 'tho with the Character of a dissipated man) and a prentice Lad Jno. Jordan, very Clever in that line, had executed them and still hold the dies. This Lad Jordan, has two years of His time to serve, wishes much to go to America, but I suppose his time would be worth 200£. The face likeness on both are the same die and a good likeness of the President, tho' the Eagles and motto are different. The likeness was taken from a large medal struck at Phila.

Those enquiries about the American *Cent*, and my intimacy with Mr. Boulton and Mr. Watt, led me to look at and study more the apparatus and modes of Coining, the Expence attending a Copper Coinage, &ca. than I otherways should have done, and I suppose I need not inform You that Mr. Boulton is by far the neatest and best Coiner and has a more excellent Apparatus for Coining than any in Europe. It cost Him some thousands. The whole machine is moved by an improv'd steam Engine which rolls the Copper for halfpence *finer* than copper has before been rolld for the purposes of money. It works the Coupoirs or screw press's, for cutting the particular peices of Copper, and coins both the faces *and edges* of the money at the same time, with such superior excellence and cheapness of workmanship, as well as with marks of such powerful machinery as must totally prevent counterfieting it. By his machinery four boys can strike thousands of Guineas in an hour. Eight presses works four ton of Copper per day—four or five presses two ton per day, and the machine by the Evolutions of the great wheel, which is of cast Iron, keeps an unerring account of the number of peices struck. It is not workd in the old way but the mettal is put into a kind of hopper, and drops out into a bag nearly as smoothly as grain in a Mill.

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The Excellence of His Coinage are

- 1st. The peices are perfectly round—2d. They are all precisely Equal in Diameter
- 3d. The work is exactly concentric to the Edge
- 4 An inscription or Ornament is put round the Edge, either indented, or in relief, or partly one and partly the other, and this inscription is struck by the same blow that gives impression to the Faces; Whereas the common mode of making ornaments on the Edge, is by a seperate well known operation calld milling and which is much more easily immitated.
5. The ground of his Coin is smooth and of a light polish.
- 6 Much greater quantities of money with all these perfections may be coind in less time, with fewer persons, and with more exactness and ease to those Employd, than by any mode hitherto invented.

Memorandums A Water mill will work all the machinery as well as a steam Engine and will be better understood and managd in America—indeed the power of two or 3 horses might answer. Mr. Boulton told me He would sell the whole apparatus, *exclusive of the Steam Engine*, (which is a considerable part of the Cost) and it might be got to America (I think) for 11 or 1200£.

The whole apparatus is this.

A *Rolling Mill*; which must be unconnected with the Coining Mill.

Mill work to work Coupoirs

Do. Do. Coining

Do. Do. for turning Laths and cleaning the Blanks.

Do. Do. for Lettering the Edges.

The Arts necessary, and which might be easily learnt are
Hardning and polishing Dies.

Multiplying the Dies.

Managing the Presses.

Improvements in presses and Coupoirs

In annealing so as to preserve the Polish

The *Matrasses* (which are the Adam and Eve for Casting medals or Coins) being obtained, the *multiplication of dies*, and the hardening them, (a sort of Secret) is to be learnt. The best artists in this line are said to be in Paris; But Mr. Boulton would lend His assistance in this, and give His instruction and direction, to any confidential person sent from America for the purpose of looking after or superintending a Copper Coinage at His mint, which with the Dies &ca. &ca. He

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would afterwards sell for a fair price to America and on Easy terms.

Sheet Copper from England being Cast or rolled *Hot*, and liable to stain at Sea will not do. It may be sent over a little thicker than the money, and then put thro' a Roller to make it of exact thickness.

Mr. Boultons prices for Coining Copper, notwithstanding the superior beauty and Excellence to any in England, will be equally cheap.

The following is an Estimate given me by Mr. Obdiah Westwood for Coining half pence or Cents.

Suppose a Cent, made in pure Copper 29 ps/s in the lb of Copper. one ton would Contain 64,960 Cents; which is $649\frac{1}{2}$

Dolls. a 4/6 is	£146.19.9
The Copper cost	say 90£ the ton
Dies & Expence of Manufactg	30 - - }
Profit on the ton when paid out would be	£26.19.9

But Copper is now as high as £112 per ton. At this or the above price not a less order than for twenty ton would answer for Him in finding dies, Rolling the Copper, manufacturing into Cents, Capping in paper and Casking up &c.

According to the greater or less number of peices made from three pound of Copper, so the Expence of Coinage would alter Vizt. for working only.

For 40 ps/s in the lb it would amot. to 42£ suppose Copper a 100£ the ton	
for 36 ps/s	34-
for 32 ps/s which is $\frac{1}{2}$ an Oz. each ps. 32—so that in his order for half pence say of 40 ps. in the lb the profit would be to the Emitter £45.13.4 on the ton	thus the ps/s amot. to £187.13.4
Cost of Copper	100-
	87.13.4
Expence of Coining	42
	45.13.4

The standard of the British half penny is three to one ounce of Copper which is 48 half pence to the lb. an Enormous profit to the Government on Emission!

If I can obtain any other information, or hear of a person likely to serve in this Business I will write You, I am in the interim with great regard Sir Yr. Ob Hu Serv

TH A DIGGES

RC (DLC): addressed: "Thomas Jefferson Esqr Philadelphia"; endorsement by TJ mutilated. Recorded in SJL as received 31 May 1793. Enclosed in

Thomas Pinckney to TJ, 10 Apr. 1793, and TJ to George Washington, 12 June 1793.

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Digges's LETTER TO YOU BY WM. PEARCE was dated 28 Apr. 1791. The BIRMINGHAM PRODUCTION OF ONE OF THE AMERICAN CENTS was almost certainly the large and small Eagle Cents of 1791 (William S. Baker and George Fuld, *Medallist Portraits of Washington*, rev. ed. [Iola, Wis., 1965], Nos. 15-16, p. 17-18, 20; see also Sylvester S. Crosby, *The Early Coins of America* (Boston, 1873-75; repr. Lawrence, Mass., 1974), 352-

4). The LARGE MEDAL STRUCK AT PHILA. was probably the Manly Medal, minted in Philadelphia in 1790 (Baker and Fuld, *Medallist Portraits*, No. 61, p. 40-1, 43; but see also Taxay, *Mint*, 53n, which argues that it was the "Washington before Boston" medal, minted in Paris in 1786).

¹ Word interlined.

² Closing parenthesis supplied.

From Alexander Donald

DEAR SIR

London 10th. march 1793

I have no doubt but you will hear before this letter reaches you, that the House of D. & Burton have been obliged to stop payment. Several causes combined to bring upon us this misfortune, and none more than the rash and ill judged Speculation of my Partner in wheat and flour in the Winter of 89. 90. My mind for some months past has been in great distress, but I have the consolation to find that altho I have lost my Fortune, I still retain what is infinitely more valuable, my Character is unimpeached. This gives me firm hopes of being able very soon to go on again in a [smug?] business entirely under my own direction, for I am determined never to put it in the power of any man to bring me to ruin again.

It is impossible for me to say how the business of D. & B. will be settled. The Creditors have been proposing to accept of a composition, and to give time for collecting our debts, But in whatever way it is settled, I mean in future to do business on my own account. And being perswaded that you and my other Friends in Virga. are incapable of deserting me in my distress, I must request the favour of you to consign your Tobacco this year to Mr. John Younger, He is one of our Clerks who has been with us ever since the commencement of our Partnership, He will receive it for me in Trust, but you may depend that I will have the sole disposal of it, and the money received for it will be at yours. It gives me pain however to mention, that you will not trust to Mr. James Brown for shipping your Tobacco to me, for since I left the Country he has shewn a decided preference to Mr. Burton, notwithstanding all my kindness to him. I know Brown's disposition so well, that I have no doubt of his doing every thing he can to hurt my interest, but he will find it is too strongly founded to be shaken by his ingratitude. I have a Nephew living in Richmond, but he is too young

1804 Oct. 30. Nicolai Henrich Weinwich (Copenhagen) to TJ.
CSmH. Recd. 18 Apr. 1805.

Your Excellency!

I am convinced that the 150 pieces of [true?] Roman coins in bronze of different sizes, from the reign of Emperor Augustus untill that of Theodosius, during a space of time of 400 years, which I hereby take the liberty of sending your Excellency, not only will be thought worthy of your acceptance but perhaps even prove welcome to your excellency. As I believe that this collection, though small, is the first in scientific order, that ever was brought, from Europe to America, I flatter myself that the value of it will be enhanced thereby. Every historian is sensible of the value of ancient coins, as they are so necessary to the further illustration of history in general, there ought of course to be a collection of them at every academy, where the young student may be shewn and rendered attentive to, every thing regarding the sciences and arts. I therefore take the liberty of transmitting the [follow?]ing to your Excellency to be made use of as you may think most proper and advantageous to the Litterati of the happy united states of North America. As to me, I shall feel myself happy in the thought of having contributed as far as was in my power to the promotion of solid knowledge in a distant part of the world.

I beg leave to assure your Excellency of the very high esteem and due sense of your merits, with which I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's

most obedient humble

Servant

Nicolai Henrich Weinwich
Secretary and member of the
Royal Society of Heraldry and
Genealogy in Denmark, fellow of
the Royal society of sciences
Drontheim, corresponding member
of the Northern society for
promoting sciences and arts in
London.

Copenhagen Amalia Street

No. []

1805 Apr. 30. TJ (Washington) to J. F. Eckard. DLC.

Sir

Mr. Patterson safely delivered me your letter of the 12th. inst. with that of Mr. Weinrich, and the box of Roman coins he was so kind as to send me. The desire which this valuable present manifests of aiding the advances of science in this region cannot I think be better fulfilled than by depositing it with the American Philosophical society which I shall accordingly do. Will you permit me through you to convey to him the inclosed letter mentioning this disposition of them, and returning him the thanks so justly due to him; and at the same time, with proper acknowledgements to yourself for the care and trouble of your agency herein, to salute you with assurances of great respect and consideration.

1805 Apr. 30. TJ (Washington) to N. H. Weinwich. DLC.

Sir

The box containing 150. pieces of Roman coins in bronze which you were so kind as to address to me, has been safely delivered. The desire expressed in the letter accompanying it, that it should be made use of in such way as may be most advantageous for the literati of the US. cannot be better fulfilled than by depositing it with the American Philosophical society, which I shall accordingly do. The philanthropic disposition manifested by this valuable present, to aid our young but rising nation in it's advances towards science, is worthy of a legitimate member of the republic of letters, which, banishing geographical limits, comprehends all countries in one fraternity. In my own name, as well as for the American Philosophical society, permit me to return you the thanks to which you are so justly entitled, and to salute you with assurances of great consideration and respect.

1805 Apr. 30. TJ (Washington) to Casper Wister. PPAP:frame 84.

Dear Sir

I have recieved from a scientific gentleman in Copenhagen a box containing 150. pieces of Roman coin in bronze of different sizes from the reign of Augustus to that of Theodosius, comprehending a space of 400. years. Though addressed to me personally, I am sure I shall better fulfill the enlarged views of that gentleman by placing them where they may be of more extensive use. I ask permission therefore to deposit them with the American Philosophical society, believing them to be well worthy it's acceptance. The giver is Mr. Niccolai Henrich Weinwich Secretary and member of the Royal society of heraldry and genealogy in Denmark Fellow of the Royal society of sciences in Drontheim, and corresponding member of the Northern society of arts and sciences in London; to whom I have written returning him just thanks, and informing him of the disposition I have made of them. Accept my salutations and assurances of great respect and esteem.

P.S. To prevent injury by rubbing I shall send them by water.

[[Verso in another hand]] Dr. Wister was requested to answer this and offer the thanks of the Society which was done by letter dated May 20 1805.

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1973.177.1	AE 1/2 cent	Philadelphia, 1803	USA--FEDERAL: Gilbert.1803.v; purchased, \$Gillingham, H.E..
1973.177.2	AE 1/2 cent	Philadelphia, 1807	Gilbert.1807.v; by purchase, \$Gillingham, H.E..Saltus, J.S.O
1973.177.3	AE 1/2 cent	Philadelphia, 1825	Gilbert.1825.v; by purchase, \$Barrington.00
1973.177.4	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1793	Sheldon.11a, Breen.1644; Holed at 1pm; purchased for \$5.00
1973.177.5	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1794	Sheldon.43, Breen.1668; purchased, 25.00
1973.177.6	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1795	Sheldon.76a, Breen.1673; double struck
1973.177.7	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1810	Sheldon.281, Breen.1776; purchase 4.
1973.177.8	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1810	Sheldon.281, Breen.1776; purchase \$30.
1973.177.9	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1820	Newcomb.20.15
1973.177.10	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1822	Newcomb.22.13; Probably Randall hoard, based on the patina;
			Probably Randall hoard; Georgia (1869)
1973.177.11	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1822	Newcomb.22.13; Probably from the Randall hoard, based on the
			patina; Randall hoard; Georgia (1869)
1973.177.12	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1835	Newcomb.1835.16
1973.177.13	AE cent	Philadelphia, 1853	Newcomb.53.x, Breen.1910
1973.177.14	AR dollar	New Orleans, 1859	
1973.177.15	AR dollar 27.212, 38 6	Philadelphia, 1879	Breen.5825
1973.177.16	AR dollar 27.278, 38 6	Philadelphia, 1880	Breen.5826
1973.177.17	AR dollar 27.195, 38 6	Philadelphia, 1881	Breen.5827
1973.177.18	AR dollar 27.218, 38 6	Philadelphia, 1882	Breen.5828
1973.177.19	AE cent 7.72, 28	1787	USA--PRE-FEDERAL ISSUES: Miller.33.36-T2; cost \$10
1973.177.20	AR pattern goloid dollar	Philadelphia, 1878	USA--FEDERAL: Judd.1563, AW.1570
	14.24, 33 6		
1973.177.21	AR pattern goloid dollar	Philadelphia, 1879	Judd.1626
	14.01, 33 6		
1973.177.22	AR shilling 4.73, 28	Boston, 1652	USA--PRE-FEDERAL ISSUES: Noe.Oak.14, Breen.23
1973.177.23	CU 1/2 penny 7.723	London, 1773	George III; Newman.27-J, Breen.180
1973.177.24	AE cent 8.37, 28	Rahway Mills, 1787	Maris.32-T, Breen.905
1973.177.25	AE cent 10.62, 28	1787	fugio cent
1973.177.26	W medal 5.65, 27	1850 A & M	HANOVER: Albert Prince of Wales; BHM 2383; in box medal set
			BHM 2382
1973.177.27	W medal 5.24, 27	1840 A & M	Prince Albert; BHM 1947; in the box medal set BHM 2382
1973.177.28	W medal 27	1840 A & M	Queen Victoria; BHM 1905; in box medal set BHM 2382
1973.177.29	AE box thaler 10.75, 28	1854	BHM 2382; this is the box to the set containing three medals

1973.178.1	AR 6 pence 6	1842	HANOVER: Victoria
1973.178.2	AR 6 pence 6	1844	Victoria
1973.178.3	AE 5 real 3.535	1774	BRAZIL--COLONIAL: Joseph I
1973.178.4	AR 1/12 ecu 2.185, 21	Lyons, 1660 D	FRANCE--BOURBON: Louis XIV; GadMRF.115
1973.178.5	AR 12 sol 2.62, 20 6	La Rochelle, 1731	WEST INDIES--FRENCH: Louis XV; Zay.9 & pp.72-3, GadMCF.2
1973.178.6	AR 1/2 franc 2.433, 19	Marseilles, 1813 MA	FRANCE--FIRST EMPIRE: Napoleon I; GadMF.399
1973.178.7	AR 2 franc 9.912, 27	Nantes, 1829 T	FRANCE--BOURBON RESTORATION: Charles X; GadMF.516
1973.178.8	AR 1/4 franc 1.232, 15	Lille, 1834 W	FRANCE--BOURBON-ORLEANS: Louis Philippe I; GadMF.355
1973.178.9	CU centime 2.034, 18	1888	Leopold II; KM.Zaire.Belgian Congo.1
1973.178.10	AE token 1/2 penny 8.71, 26 6		CANADA--TOKENS: St. Sebastian; Courteau.22, Breton.988, Willey.519
1973.178.11	AR 20 baiocco 5.714, 24	Rome, 15 1860	PAPACY: Pius IX; KM.Vatican.Papal States.173a
1973.178.12	AR 5 soldo 1.178, 15	Parma, 1815	Mary Louise; KM.Italian States.Parma.26
1973.178.13	AR 10 grano 2.312, 18	Naples, 1847	Ferdinand II; KM.Italian States.Naples & Sicily.150c
1973.178.14	AR lira 4.518, 23	Bologna, 1813	ITALY--KINGDOM: Napoleon Bonaparte; KM.Italian States.Kingdom of Napoleon.8.2
1973.178.15	CU kopek 9.99, 28	1757	RUSSIA--ROMANOV: Elizabeth; KM.Russia.6.1
1973.178.16	CU 5 kopek 52.783, 43	1778	Catherine II; KM.Russia.59.3
1973.178.17	CU kopek 3.308, 22	Saint Petersburg, 1878	Alexander II; KM.Russia.9.2

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1973.179.1 AE medal 6.623, 38

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1973.180.1	AR ichibu gin 8.64	1859 R	Ansei; JVI.102; ctsp.
1973.180.2	AR onbeshlik? 7.816, 31	Tarabulus [Gharb],	OTTOMAN: Selim III
= Olcer, TNS		1203	
Bulten 1986, 6			
1973.180.3	AR 1/4 buju	Jaza'ir, 1237	Mahmud II; KM.67
1973.180.4	AE 10 para	Misr, 1277, 6	'Abd al-'Aziz
1973.180.5	PO token		
1973.180.6	AR dirham	Marrakush, 1272	FILALI SHARIF: 'Abd al-Rahman; holed
1973.180.7	PO token		
1973.180.8	PO token		
1973.180.9	PO token		
1973.180.10	PO token		
1973.180.11	AR rupee 11.17, 26	Ahmadnagar	MUGHAL: Shah 'Alam II
		Farrukhabad, 1193,	
		20	
1973.180.12	AE token kepeng	1247	Ellis.10
1973.180.13	AE forgery Denarius	Forgery	Tiberius